GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SURFACE TRANSPORT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:160
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FARAKKA BARRAGE UNDER TRAFFIC LOAD
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating any steps for controlling the traffic load and maintenance of the Farakka barrage.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have set up any study group to examine the seriousness of the problems being faced by the barrage; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) The Ministry of Water Resources which is administratively concerned withthe Farakka Barrage are not contemplating any steps for controlling traffic load on the bridge at Farakka Barrage. For annual maintenance, which is a continuous process, resources are allocated. It has also not set up any study group to examine the seriousness of the problems for controlling the traffic load at the Barrage.